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Celebrating 165 years of Mission, Community, Service.
The mission of Immaculate Conception School is to provide experiences to inspire, challenge, and nurture the mind, body, and spirit of our students within the framework of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the tradition of the Catholic Church.

*Merciful God, you are the Divine Builder, who calls us to build your Church. Guide us in building our new **Catholic Education & Activity Center**, so that we can build the Church of the future by passing on the treasure of our faith to future generations. Bless the work of our hands, and keep us strong in faith, hope and love, so that all we do might bring glory and honor to you, forever and ever. AMEN*



REJOICE AND BE GLAD IN THE LORD!

February 15, 2019

Bienvenido el parrochia!

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Dear Parent,

PRESIDENTS DAY No school on Monday in honor of all our presidents. We especially honor Lincoln and Washington this month.



Judge Heinz Rudolph and Judge John O’Gara read the book Mr. Lincoln’s Hat on February 12 to Grades 2-4. Lincoln remains a national favorite for many reasons.



MathCounts 2019 Sydney Wahle placed 5th at the annual MathCounts competition sponsored by the St. Clair Chapter of the Society of Professional Engineers on Saturday, Feb. 2 at SIU-Edwardsville and qualified for State at Lyle, Illinois on March 23 as a high scoring individual.

DINNER AUCTION Questions? icsauction@icsmail.org To help, email or call Mandy McGuire mlynmcguire@gmail.com. 618-558-1350 be on the look-out for updates and on-line bidding.

EVERYDAY SHOULD BE VALENTINE’S DAY *HAPPY BELATED ST. VALENTINE’S DAY!*
Amazing what can become of love letters written from a prison cell! And amazing the pressure it brings on people to go out of the way to say “I love you” to those we see every day. It is so much easier to love someone far away that we don’t know by sending them money or food. Yet our Christianity calls us to live what we are---God’s people, playing no favorites, helping everyone to enjoy the kingdom right now both near and afar! Thanks for the cards and the extra love this week!



Terrific Kid – February 2019

Mrs. Diewald: **Kegan May** is our Terrific Kid! Kegan has shown great improvement in the classroom. He strives to do his best even when his work is hard. Kegan is a kind-hearted student who shows concern for others and never thinks twice to lend a helping hand. Keep up the good work!

Mrs. Meyer: **Morgan Conrad** is a Terrific Kid because she is a hardworking student who always tries her best! She has a positive attitude, is a joy to teach, keeps her papers and work area organized and is always willing to help a classmate. Keep up the good work!

Mrs. Matrisotto: **Chase Frierdrich** earned Mrs. Matrisotto's Terrific Kid award for putting forth constant effort both academically and socially to be the best version of himself. I am proud of your hard work, Chase!

Ms. Kennedy: **JoJo Wynn** is a Terrific Kid! He has worked hard to stay organized and responsible for his work. He has increased class participation showing he is owning his education. Keep up the great work JoJo.

Mrs. Donjon: **Julia Hoeflinger** - Julia works hard in the classroom and takes pride in her work. She is a terrific helper to anyone who needs assistance. Julia is a good friend to all and is truly a terrific kid!

Mrs. Ettlting: **Anna Hornacek** – Anna is a terrific kid because she always has a positive attitude, is in control of her 5 tools, completes homework with her best effort, and has a big heart. She is a self-motivated fourth grader! Keep up the hard work, Anna!

Mrs. Schauster: **Sophia Shuette** is very happy young lady. She really sees the good in everyone and everything. She has a smile on her face each morning when she walks in and it never goes away. She is a friend to all of her classmates.

Mrs. Taylor: **Eva Haywood** - Eva has a great heart and always includes others. She is a hard worker and uses every minute of her school day to get her work done. Most importantly, Eva is kind and considerate and I enjoy talking to her and learning about her and her interests.

KIDS AGAINST HUNGER The **ICS Builders Club**, in conjunction with generous donors, Washington Overseas Missions, the Columiba Kiwanis, Columiba High School Key Club, Knights of Columbus and parents packed 70 cases of packaged meals that will feed more than 15,120 people. Each package will feed 6-10 people and the group made 2520 packs. Emma Tippen was the Director of Kids Against Hunger for the Builders Club and Emma Schmidt co-chaired the 10th year for the program. This year's food will go to Honduras. 136,728 meals have been made. Thanks to our generous donors and all who worked!



Crusaders' Teacher Spotlight At ICS our children are led each day by some of the best teachers in the country. Their talents, background and community involvement, along with their phenomenal education, bring an addition to the classroom that sets ICS apart from other schools. As a way to showcase our top-notch faculty, Parents & Friends will be doing a "Teacher Spotlight" throughout the remainder of this academic year and next. Teachers are drawn out of a hat at each Parents & Friends meeting. We hope you enjoy learning more about these wonderful people who give so much to our children.

This month's Crusaders' Teacher Spotlight goes to our 5-8th-grade history and 6th-grade homeroom teacher, **Ms. Taylor**. Please [click here](#) to learn more about this fabulous ICS teacher!

Auditions for Sound of Music (an elementary version) will be Monday February 25th at 3pm. I will put a time slot sign-up on the band room door. You need to arrive 15 minutes before your audition time and be prepared to sing. If we don't get too far behind, the audition should take less than 30 minutes.

I am looking for adult volunteers to help with the whole process: rehearsals, costuming, ticket sales, scene painting. There is a lot to be done. I'm sure I can use your expertise somewhere. Please let me know what your talents are! MaryBeth 618-719-1264 actorsattic@gmail.com MaryBeth

SUMMER MUSICAL-IN-A-WEEK: MaryBeth Babcock and Emily Brutton have set the dates for The Actors' Attic Musical-in-a-Week summer day camps in June, held at Gibault Catholic High School. Based on the grade your child is going into:
Gr. 1-5 will perform *The Lion King Experience* (audition June 7, perform June 13-14)
Gr. 6-8 will perform *Frozen, Jr.* (audition June 14, perform June 20-21)
Gr. 9-13 will perform *Singing in the Rain Jr.* (audition June 21, perform June 27-28)
Register by March 31 and the cost per camper is \$235, with a sibling discount of \$20 for each additional camper. (Cost after April 1 is \$250 with no discounts.) See the attached forms for camp details, and send any questions to MaryBeth at actorsattic@gmail.com.
Attach

ART INSPIRES is the theme of the ROE ART celebration **we are hosting on April 9**. Please say yes when Mrs. Fetcho asks for your help! Monroe and Randolph County schools make up ROE 45 and this is one full house that evening!

ARTS INTEGRATION IS AN APPROACH TO TEACHING IN WHICH STUDENTS CONSTRUCT AND DEMONSTRATE UNDERSTANDING THROUGH AN ART FORM.
STUDENTS ENGAGE IN A CREATIVE PROCESS WHICH CONNECTS AN ART FORM AND ANOTHER SUBJECT AREA AND MEETS EVOLVING OBJECTIVES IN BOTH.

ICS NEWS:

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FAMILY BOWLING FEBRUARY 17 New time this year: 3:00-5:00! [See the flyer from last week and come to the Gutter Ball!](#)

CHESS MEETS- Feb. 16 - Queen of Peace, Belleville Mar. 23 - St. Clare, O'Fallon
March 30 - Diocesan HERE – ICS **CHESS PRACTICES** - 3:00-4:00
Grades 2 and 3 - February 26, March 12, March 26
Grades 4 through 8- February 19, March 5, March 19

OPPORTUNITY New York City actress and ICS and Gibault grad Hannah Lundy is offering voice lessons via video chat! Hannah has coached students from age 5 to 55, working with ICS kids, Actors Attic kids, and Southeast Missouri State University kids! Hannah is based in West Orange, New Jersey and would love to help your child express themselves more freely and joyfully with their singing voice. If you'd like to contact Hannah or read testimonials of her other students, please visit HannahLundy.com.

SPEECH TEAM The next speech meet will be Saturday, February 23rd at ICS, time is TBA and I will let you know as soon as I do. We will probably start around 8:30. The practices will be Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3-4 in my classroom. We will be hosting this meet so I will be reaching out in the near future for help with set up, tear down and judging. Ms. Catie Taylor

THANKS to **TRUIST** for a matching grant of \$169.68!



GETTING READY FOR D.C. Amazing what it takes to sleep on a rolling coach. But if you don't, you really pay the price in lowered energy when you hit town. The Class of '19 is "Wagons East" on March 2. Prayers for good weather please!

THE SPORTING NEWS...

Congratulations to our 7th Grade Girls Volleyball team on taking 4th in the St. Clare Tournament!

GIRLS ON THE RUN Girls on the run coach sign up is happening now!! We need more coaches to sign up for this fabulous program. This is a program offered for girl's grades 3rd-5th with a Heart and Sole program for girls 6th-8th. If your girls are interested in participating this year, consider being a coach. More information? Contact Jessica Wachtel 314-749-1663 or sign up directly on the GOTR website <https://girlsontherunstlouis.org/get-involved/become-coach>. Thank you!!!

Girls on the Run! girls' grade 3-5 and Heart and Sole for girls 6-8. The program combines life skill lessons with training for a 5k run creatively, interactively, FUN, instills confidence and equips girls with tools to empower them for a lifetime of healthy living! They do offer scholarships so please utilize this opportunity to help defer the cost. If you have any questions please let me know: Jessica Wachtel 314-749-1663. Or check out this informational video: [.GOTR-STL Power of One](#)
Please register using the link: [Girls on the Run St. Louis Spring 2019 Registration | Raceplanner](#)

Columbia Khoury League---Registration is taking place. Get on the team!

ICS BASEBALL CAMP Please [see the attached](#) from Tim Mueth.

AMAZON SMILE Many of you are Prime members. If you sign up, our school benefits. The last two deposits were on 8/13/18 for 77.47 and 10/29/18 for 72.66. THANKS!

ICS GRADS IN THE NEWS...

Sarah Rose has been named a Memorial Foundation Scholar Athlete for the month of January. I think she is our third graduate to be honored this year so far! Hawkapella, cheerleader, dance team, volunteer, National Merit Commended---she does it all! Congratulations Sarah!

Academic Challenge: **Sarah Rose**(first in Biology), **Dylan Altadonna**(second in math), and **Thomas Young**(second in English) are headed to EIU for the State Tourney!

Josh Hugger (Jordan and Keegan's brother) was named the Republic-Times athlete of the week. Josh bowled a 1,279 series to advance to State.

GIBALT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL NEWS...SCHOLARSHIPS - application packages/ variable tuition instructions for freshmen have been mailed. If you have not received one, please contact Pat Herzing (pherzing@gibalthawks.com)

MILITARY WALL OF HONOR - Gibault Catholic needs your help! Our newly constructed Military Wall of Honor is in need of names of Gibault graduates who entered the service. Please send as much information as possible- name, GCHS graduation year, branch of military, rank- to Kara Hoke (khoke@gibalthawks.com). Thank you for your help and thanks to our veterans for their service!

A Day in the Life of a Hawk - Students who wish to check out high school life at Gibault are invited to shadow a current student. Contact Pat Herzing (pherzing@gibalthawks.com) to schedule a visit!

Sumner Mestdagh's Grandmother Georgette passed away in Winnepeg, Canada. She will be laid to rest next Saturday. Please keep the family in your prayers.

CHILDREN'S CHOIRS will sing at the 9:00 Mass on March 3rd. Please mark your calendars!

Mary Jean Westerheide, Joanne (Ned) Lane's Mom has died at 84. Visitation will be Sunday from 4:00-8:00 at Quernheim with Mass of Christian Burial at 9:00 at SPP on Monday morning. Kyle, Cory, Paige were her grandkids and she was here often. God's peace to her and the family.

Mary Ann Hellmer, sister of former ICS teacher (24 years) Rosie Law, will be remember at Mass tomorrow at SPP Church in Waterloo at 11:00. She was 88.

Our Condolences to the family of Robert Scott Grommet, (Jen and Jamie LoPorto, grandfather of Logan and Tyler) who passed away, Wednesday, February 13, 2019. Beloved husband of Cathy A. Grommet (nee Sinnard). Dear father of Jennifer (James) LoPorto and Matthew (Shea) Grommet. Dear grandfather of Logan and Tyler LoPorto, Charley and Reese Grommet. Dear son of the late Robert F. and Betty M. Grommet. Dear brother-in-law of Greg (Kim) Sinnard and David (Irma) Sinnard. Dear uncle of Sawyer, Harper, Connor and Carson Sinnard. Our dear cousin and friend of many. Bob loved his family, was a proud businessman, had a passion for golf with his friends, enjoyed his grandchildren, loved taking his grandsons to hockey. Loved the chaos of his granddaughters, lived life on his own terms and was the life of the party with a contagious smile. He enjoyed spending time and working on the farm. Bob was loved by all, and will always be remembered.

Services: Funeral service at Eureka United Methodist Church, 215 N. Central Ave., Eureka, Monday, 11:00 a.m. Interment St. John UCC Cemetery, Manchester, MO. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Backstoppers. Visitation at the SCHRADER Funeral Home and Crematory, 14960 Manchester Road at Holloway, Ballwin, MO, Sunday 3-8 p.m. Friends may sign the family's on-line guestbook at Schrader.com.

Fr. Richard Rohr, OFM The Christ is always way too much for us, larger than any one era, culture, empire, or religion. Its radical inclusivity is a threat to power and arrogance. Jesus by himself has usually been limited by the evolution of human consciousness in these first two thousand years. His reputation has been held captive by culture, nationalism, and much of Christianity's white, bourgeois, and Eurocentric worldview. Up to now, we have not been carrying history too well, because "there stood among us one we did not recognize . . . one who came after me, because he existed before me" (John 1:26, 30). He came with darker skin, from the underclass, **a male body with a female soul**, from an often-hated religion, living on the very cusp between East and West. No one owns him, and no one ever will.

PRAYERS: Special Intention Danielle Dorlac, Jim Edgar, Tom Johns, Pat Morr, Charlie Stockes, George Perry, Linda Scherrer, Angela Roepke, Joyce LaPrade, Jan Hoffmann, Bill West, Jennifer Nesser, Bill Anderson, Patrick Kish, Owen Jordan, Patti Rottler, Mike Taylor, Richard Prater, Donna Kania, Libby LoPorto, Lindsey Herbeck, Judy Gundlach

BLESSED ARE THEY Jesus came to simplify our lives. He reduced all the Jewish laws and precepts to the Two Great Commandments and then said to fulfill those Two with the Beatitudes. He never said it would be easy. As his followers, we strive for the essence. Who would want to be poor in spirit? Meek? A peacemaker? Persecuted? Clean of heart? Mournful? A justice seeker? Merciful? Though we each may have some of these fine qualities, seeking them all is seeking the essence of how to live. Blessings flow when we try to become beatitudes for others. Come and be Churched for church is a verb!

Mike Kish
Principal

PS **Happy Birthday** this week to **Bev Epplin** on St. Valentine's Day and to **Hope Wienhoff** and **MaryBeth Babcock** tomorrow(16th) and **Karen Lundy** on the 21st. Birthdays are good. The more you have, the longer you've lived!

PS **Good luck to our Chess Team** tomorrow at Queen of Peace! The Meet is on.

ICS 5K Glow Run April 5. Mark it down. Info coming! Sponsors, runners, walkers, or flashlight the way. We did great off this last year and sure would love your help.



The last of the brick work!